

Valley of Fire State Park--P.O. Box 515-- Overton, N.V. 89040 (702)397-2088 Fax (702)397-2621

# VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS Spring 2006



Valley of Fire is a 36,000 acre park located 10 miles from Lake Mead. Some of the popular activities include camping, picnicking, hiking, and photography.

Valley of Fire is located 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 at exit #75. The park is also accessible by Lake Mead via North shore Road. The Visitor Center is open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30p.m. daily

Various local art work is displayed at the Visitor's center year round. Please contact park office at (702) 397-2088 for more information.

An informational video of the park is shown every 8 minutes at the Visitor's Center.

All programs are free, but the park entrance fee is \$6.00 per vehicle.

### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 11:00am & 1:00pm......Interpretive Talk...... What the Movies Got Wrong

Join a guest speaker to learn more about dinosaurs. You have seen the movies, find out what they didn't know. Meet a Dinosaur expert at the Visitor Center to see authentic fossils.

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 2:00pm...... Interpretive Talk......Dangerous Animals of the Valley

Some creatures are harmless, some are dangerous, learn about the numerous dangerous animals that call Valley of Fire their home. Taxidermy of dangerous snakes, spiders, wasps, and scorpions will be on display for all to visitors to see.

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 10:00am......Roam the Dome

This intermediate hike will amaze you with its slot canyon and remnants of an old movie set. Meet park rangers at the White Domes trailhead for the 1- 1/4 mile hike through the northern part of the park. Not recommended for children under 7 yrs old.

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 2:00pm......Big Horn Sheep

Meet a Park Ranger at Atlatl Rock picnic area for a talk on the State Animal the Desert Big Horn Sheep. This will give you a chance to see actual desert bighorn sheep skulls, and learn how to age the animal.

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006

11:00am......Hotter than a Valley of Fire

Join Rangers and local Herpetologists to learn about different types of Rattlesnakes and Gila Monsters that could be found in the park. Live specimens will be present, watch where you step. Meet at the Visitor Center.

# Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:00am......Atlatl Contest

Learn how our primitive ancestors used to hunt at the World Atlatl Association Contest. Everyone (kids included) are welcome to compete in this contest. Bring your own equipment or use ours. Registration is at 10:00am with the contest beginning shortly after.

### Sunday, April 9th<sup>th</sup> 2006

9:00am......Charlie's Spring

Meet Park Rangers at Clarks Monument for a 5 mile round trip hike through a desert wash. At the halfway point, we will come across a small stream and will hopefully see some wildlife. Not recommended for children under 7 years old.

# Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2006

2:00pm......Flower Power

Join Park Rangers for this easy hike to learn about the different wildflowers that are in the park and the many survival adaptations they have. The hike will start at Mouse's Tank.

#### Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2006

## Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006

10:00am.....Leaving Only Footprints

Are you interested in learning more about efficient camping practices and outdoor ethics? Meet Park Rangers at the Atlatl Rock Campground (across from site #4) to hear an insightful talk and presentation on Leave No Trace Camping Principles of Outdoor Ethics.

### Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:00am.....Interpretive Talk and Hike.....The Woods Not Scared, It's Petrified

Come join Park Rangers, and find out how and when these petrified logs arrived at the Valley of Fire State Park. Meet at the West Petrified Logs trail head and find out how nature has preserved these geological wonders.

### Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:30 am......Civilian Conservation Corps

Come and learn when, why, and how the Civilian Conservation Corps(CCC) built the unique cabins during the 1930's. Experience the life of a CCC worker by finding out how they made it through the hot summer. Meet Park Rangers at the cabins.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:30am......Petroglyph Puzzle

Rock art is one of the main attractions at Valley of Fire State Park. Find out who made them and why. Join Park Rangers to discover possible meanings of these mysterious symbols. Meet at the Atlatl Rock Picnic Area for this 45 minute program.

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:30am......Nature Hike......Natures Medicine Cabinet

What did people do before pharmacies and prescriptions? Meet Park Rangers at Mouse's Tank Picnic area to learn about the medicinal uses of some common plants of the Mojave Desert

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:30am.....Poodles, Pianos, and Bridges

Bring your children and your imaginations to this wondrous overview of the spectacular rock formations of the Valley of Fire. Join Park Rangers at Atlatl Rock Picnic Area and see if you can find a poodle, piano and bridge while enjoying the rest of natures fantastic art work.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2006

10:30am......Without a Trace

Are you interested in learning more about efficient camping practices and outdoor ethics? Meet a Park Ranger at the Atlatl Rock Campground (across form site #4) to hear an insightful and informative presentation on the Leave no Trace Camping Principles of Outdoor Ethics.

Sunday, May 21st 2006

10:30am.....Bah Bah Desert Sheep

Meet Park Rangers for an interpretive wildlife program on the Desert Big Horn Sheep. Visitors will learn about Nevada's State Animal, it's eating habits, physiology, and how they can survive the desert environment on minimal water. Sheep skulls and horns will be on exhibit. Meet rangers at the Atlatl Rock picnic Area.

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Excellent photographic opportunities of Lake Mead in the distance await you on this 1-1/2 moderate hike. You will even come across a prop used in a popular movie. Meet a Park Ranger at the east entrance parking lot. Not recommended for children under 7 years old.

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 10:00am.....Leaving only Footprints

Are you interested in learning more about efficient camping practices and outdoor ethics? Meet Park Rangers at the Atlatl Rock Campground (across from site #4) to hear an insightful talk and presentation on the Leave No Trace Camping Principles of Outdoor Ethics.

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006
10:00am......Desert Survival

Meet Park Rangers at Mouse's Tank for a mid morning hike. Learn what you should bring with you when you plan to go out for a day hike in the Valley of Fire. Topics discussed will be dehydration, proper clothing, what to do when lost, and the importance of water.